

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Pages 3 and 4, bridging paragraph:

As illustrated, a firefighter's helmet 10 embodying this invention conforms to the firefighter's helmet disclosed in United States Patent No. 5,121,508, *supra*, except as illustrated and described herein. The firefighter's helmet 10 has a rigid shell 20 having a lower periphery 22 and has means including a head band 30 mounted within the lower periphery 22, in a manner disclosed therein, and including a suspension system having two crossed straps 40, each of which is attached at its opposite ends 42 to the head band 30, via clips 44, in a manner disclosed therein, for suspending the firefighter's helmet 10 on and securing the firefighter's helmet 10 to a firefighter's head. Whereas the firefighter's helmet disclosed therein has a single pad, which is disposed in a central region within the firefighter's helmet, the firefighter's helmet 10 has an array of inflated pads, which provide cushioning between the suspension system and the wearer's head. Four pads 50 of the array are disposed between the crossed straps 40, between the central region and the lower periphery 22. Said pads 50 ~~40~~ may be conveniently called outer pads. Also, another pad 60 of the array is disposed in the central region, beneath the crossed straps 40.

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Page 4, lines 9 through 14:

As illustrated, the fabric sheets 52, 62, not only are joined to each other around a border of each pad 50, 60, but also extend between the outer pads 50 ~~40~~ so as to define webs 70 having slits 72, through which ~~with~~ the crossed straps 50 ~~40~~ extend so as to attach the pads 50, 60, to the crossed straps 40. The fabric sheets 52, 62, may be alternatively attached to the crossed straps 40 via sewing, via rivets or snap fasteners, or otherwise.

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